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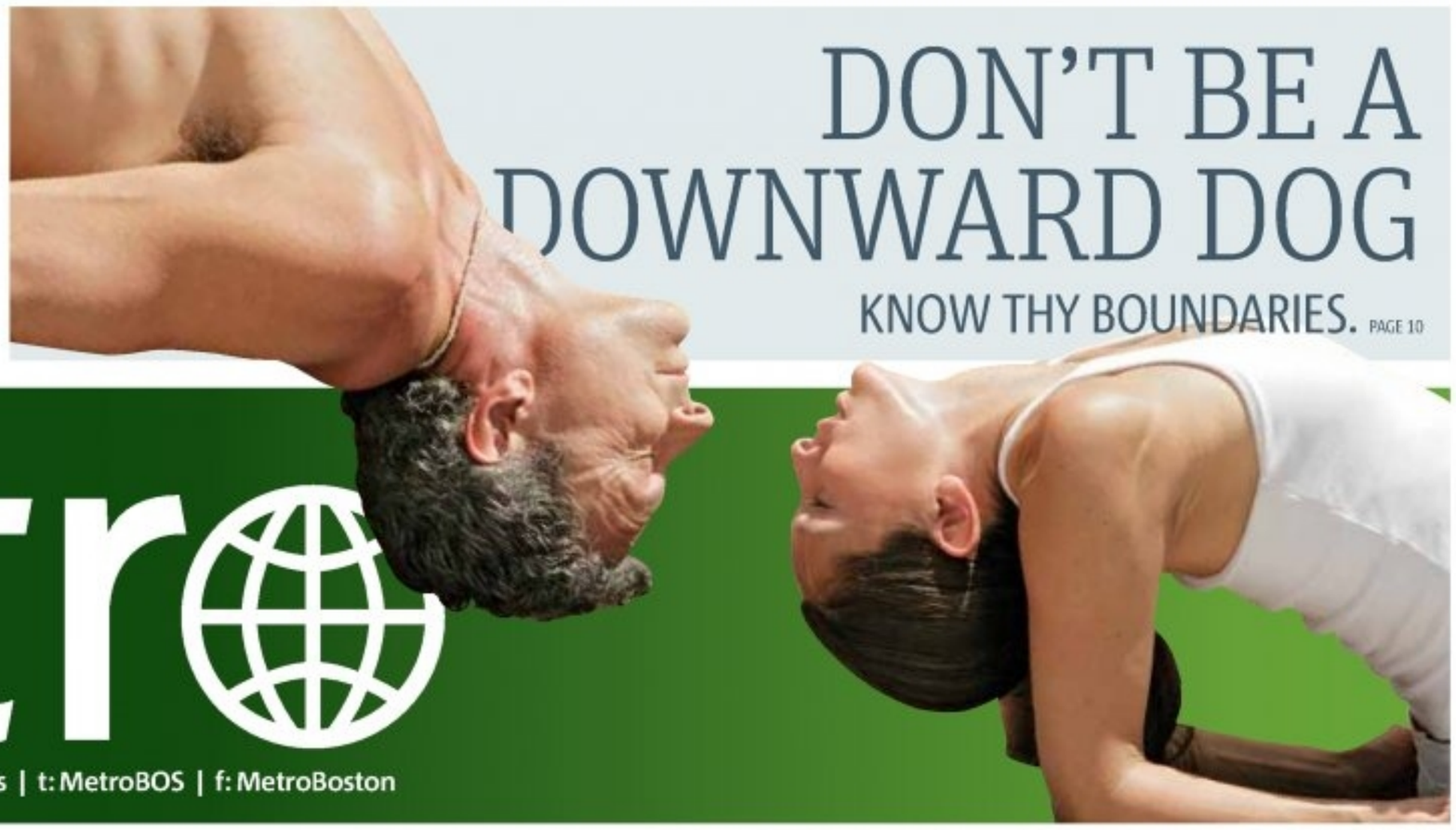

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Winter escape

Early signs of spring. The equipment truck has already left Fenway, and the Red Sox will report to camp later this week in Fort Myers. **Quick turnaround.** Just over three months ago, the Sox won it all — but now it's back to work. **What happened?** We look at who the Sox added, who they passed on and the players you should watch this spring. PAGE 13

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To our readers

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Today's tweet

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@agiraffes enjoys bed, which is warm, comfortable and always on time.

Teen in court today for tragic shooting

A knotted piece of crime scene tape remained Sunday in front of 617 Morton St. in Mattapan, where a 14-year-old shot and killed his 9-year-old brother in an apparent accident. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Apparent accident. A 14-year-old allegedly accidentally shot his younger brother.

A 14-year-old Mattapan boy is due in court today after being charged with the apparent accidental fatal shooting of his younger brother last week.

The teen, who was not identified because of his age, was charged on Friday evening with delinquency, involuntary manslaughter and unlawful possession of a firearm. The teen's arraignment in the juvenile session of Dorchester District Court will not be open to the public.

Boston police officers were called to 617 Morton St. at about 11:40 a.m. Friday for a report of a person shot. When they arrived, they found a 9-year-old boy suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to Boston Medical Center where he later died.

The older brother was found by police a short time later allegedly in possession of the gun.

Authorities had not identified the young victim as of Sunday evening.

Authorities said the teen was recklessly handling the gun when it went off, hitting the younger child. An investigation so far has revealed that no one else in the home knew he had the gun, according to the Suffolk district attorney's office.

It was also not exactly clear as of Sunday how the teen came to have the gun. Investigators will be working to determine that, authorities said.

"Part of our investigation in the days to come will be determining how this weapon got into the hands of a 14-year-old," Suffolk District Attorney Dan Conley said. "In the meantime, I want to make something crystal clear: If you know about an illegal firearm in this city, help us prevent another tragedy like this one. Boston police are doing a tremendous job of taking guns off the street, but they aren't mind readers. They need tips and information about these weapons before they're used."

The investigating is ongoing.

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Conley

Gun buyback

Following Friday's tragic accidental shooting of a young boy, apparently at the hands of his older teenage brother, city officials plan to hold a gun buyback program.

- Mayor Marty Walsh said over the weekend that city officials will be putting some kind of buyback program together, according to the Globe. No details about when and how the program would work were offered.
- On Saturday, Boston police reported seizing three illegal guns in five hours, bringing the total number of guns seized so far this year to 56.

Car crash

The powder-covered scene
BOSTON FIRE VIA TWITTER

Man is pinned at Dot gas station

A man was seriously injured when a car crashed into him at a Dorchester gas station Sunday morning, pinning him between the car and a post.

Boston fire crews were called to the Citgo gas station at 741 Morrissey Blvd. at about 8:15 a.m.

While the incident was ongoing, the overhead extinguishing system activated, covering the station, fire trucks and emergency responders with white powder.

The victim was taken to a hospital with a serious leg injury, the fire department said. METRO

Fatal fall

Paraglider dies off of Plum Island

A paraglider from Rhode Island died after a mishap in Newburyport on Saturday sent him crashing into the frigid water.

The Coast Guard said that just before 5 p.m. a person reported that a parachutist had crashed into the water off of Plum Island.

A 47-foot motor lifeboat from Coast Guard Station Merrimack River pulled the man out of the water. METRO

Politics. Murray leaving Senate after 22 years

Ending the speculation around her future in the Legislature, Senate President Therese Murray on Saturday announced that she would not run for re-election this fall after a 22-year career on Beacon Hill where she became the first woman elected to lead the Senate.

Murray's decision not to seek a 12th term was expected since her tenure as president is due to end in 2015 because of a Senate term limit rule.

By announcing her plans now, Murray allows potential successors to ramp up their campaigns. SHNS

Snowmobile accident

Credit union CEO dies in NH crash

Peter Kavalauskas, the 62-year-old head of Northeast Credit Union, died after losing control of a snowmobile in New Hampshire on Saturday, according to the Foster's Daily Democrat. Kavalauskas was readying to retire from the company. METRO

Flights diverted. JetBlue plane returns to Logan

A JetBlue plane headed to North Carolina turned back to Logan Airport Sunday afternoon after personnel on board discovered a vibration issue, an airline spokesman said.

It was the second plane in as many days to make an unscheduled landing in Massachusetts.

On Saturday, a military transport plane lost cabin pressure as it headed from Germany to Delaware and made an emergency landing at Westover Air Reserve Base in Chicopee. A child was taken to a hospital for a minor injury. METRO/GLOBE

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MBTA crime

T seeks Green Line indecent assault suspect

Transit Police released a video of a man they believe indecently assaulted two women on the Green Line on Jan. 15, as the inbound trolley traveled between Longwood and Copley stations. METRO

MBTA timing

Bus system to get countdown signs

The MBTA will soon install countdown clocks at some of its bus stations to notify riders when the next bus on each route will leave that station, the agency recently announced. The busway at Forest Hills Station in Jamaica Plain will be the first bus location to get the signs.

The new boards / MBTA

"I've often said our buses are the work horses of our system, serving more than 375,000 people on a typical weekday," said MBTA General Manager Dr. Beverly Scott. "The countdown signs at our busiest bus stops will provide customers with information that will make their public transit experience easier and more convenient."
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Sexploitation. Roxbury men to be sentenced for human trafficking

Two Roxbury men believed to be the first convicted under Massachusetts' new human trafficking statute are due to be sentenced today for forcing drug-addicted women into sexual servitude and keeping the money for themselves.

Tyshaun McGhee, 34, and Sidney McGee, 30, face up to 20 years in state prison for recruiting the women in September 2012, giving them drugs and promising them wealth, according to prosecutors. The pair then coerced the women into sexual activity with men who responded to online ads.

Both men were acquitted of additional counts of aggravated rape, prosecutors said.

"This was anything but a victimless crime," said Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley.

"These women were homeless, drug-dependent and vulnerable. The defendants ruthlessly exploited them through prostitution. This case is a perfect example of why we fought so hard for a human trafficking statute in Massachusetts, and why our enforcement efforts today target pimps and johns."

One victim, 24 , told jurors that the pair approached her outside a Boston hospital and offered her drugs.

She said they provided her with crack cocaine and took her to McGhee's residence, where they posed her in lingerie and took photographs that they later posted online.

A second victim, 28, had a similar experience; she said McGee recruited her outside a Boston methadone clinic.

An investigation came after the women escaped from a car and ran to Boston Medical Center, where they disclosed the abuse.
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Cracking down

Massachusetts' human trafficking statute was passed into law in late 2011.

- Conley later adopted a "safe harbor" policy for prostituted youth, treating them as victims of exploitation, rather than offenders.
- The policy was later mandated statewide.

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Chinatown horses around

Hundreds of volunteers performed traditional dances as onlookers celebrated the Chinese New Year during the annual parade Sunday in Boston's Chinatown. The celebration this year recognizes the year of the horse. The traditional lion dance parade included music, dancers and firecrackers. Lion dances are believed to drive away evil spirits and bring good luck. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

Q&A with ...

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You can also submit a claim for a possible refund by contacting the store via email at clientcare@isisparenting.zendesk.com.

I'm a realtor and am looking to become more involved in my field. I know that the state oversees the realtors' Board of Registration. How can I get on that board?

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Applying is simple: Visit www.mass.gov/dpl and click on the "Interested in Serving as a Member of a Board of Registration?" link toward the bottom of the page. On the next page, choose the board you would like to apply for. The realtors' board has one opening now.

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Each month Undersecretary of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation Barbara Anthony will answer consumer questions from Metro readers. Send your questions to consumer.communications@state.ma.us with "Ask the Undersecretary" in the subject line.

All Isis Parenting locations announced in January that they would be closing immediately, including the one in Arlington, pictured here. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

In court

Judge keeps Hernandez jail calls off-limits

A judge has denied a request by prosecutors for recordings of phone calls made from prison by former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez, who is awaiting trial on a 2013 murder.

Prosecutors had sought the recordings along with Hernandez's visitor records from the Bristol County Sheriff's Department, saying they contained conversations "directly related" to the killing of Odin Lloyd, and used "coded messages" to communicate with people outside of jail.

Hernandez, 24, has been in jail since June, awaiting trial on murder charges in the shooting death of Lloyd.

On Friday, his defense said the request was "grossly over-broad," because it called for records of every phone call Hernandez had made since being jailed, not just those pertaining to the case.

Before the hearing, Hernandez smiled and laughed as he talked with his attorneys. At one point he turned and mouthed the words "I love you," to his family. REUTERS

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Same-sex spouses see new legal protections

Justice Dept. They will provide death and educational benefits.

Same-sex married couples will receive many of the same federal legal protections and benefits as their opposite-sex counterparts under Justice Department guidelines to be issued today, Attorney General Eric Holder said.

The moves will affect procedures in U.S. courtrooms and the aid provided surviving spouses of slain law officers, among other matters.

The policy will "formally instruct all Justice Department employees to give lawful same-sex marriages full and equal recognition, to the greatest extent possible under the law," Holder said in remarks Saturday in New York City.

The change will apply to same-sex couples residing in states where such marriages are not recognized. It also represents the first time the Justice Department has officially interpreted the words "spouse" and "marriage" in federal laws it enforces to apply to same-sex couples.

Under the policy, the Justice Department will recognize that same-sex couples are entitled to the same rights as their opposite-sex counterparts in civil and criminal cases, according to Holder. As a result, Holder said, federal prosecutors won't object if a same-sex spouse declines to provide testimony that might incriminate his or her partner.

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Gay marriage is currently legal in 17 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. / GETTY IMAGES

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"As attorney general, I will not let this department be simply a bystander during this important moment in history." Holder

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In a Gallup Poll released last July, 52 percent of Americans backed laws permitting gay marriage, up from 27 percent in 1996. President Barack Obama, after publicly saying he didn't favor gay marriage, reversed himself in a televised interview in 2012.

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Global-warming slowdown due to Pacific winds, study

Stronger Pacific Ocean winds may help explain the slowdown in the rate of global warming since the turn of the century, scientists said. More powerful winds in the past 20 years may be forcing warmer seas deeper and bringing cooler water to the surface, researchers from the U.S. and Australia said Sunday in the journal Nature. That has cooled the average global temperature by as much as 0.2 degree Celsius since 2001. Scientists have been trying to find out why the rate of global warming has eased in the past 20 years while greenhouse-gas emissions have surged to record levels. BLOOMBERG

Markets watching

As Yellen makes Fed debut, expect theater, not fireworks

Janet Yellen's first test as chair of the Federal Reserve comes on Tuesday when she faces U.S. lawmakers, some hostile to the central bank, who will want to know how committed she is to winding down the Fed's support for the economy.

With the world's financial markets watching, Yellen, who succeeded Ben Bernanke last week, will have a chance to set a mostly upbeat tone and point to signs of steady economic progress, despite some recent bumps in the road.

The Fed has embarked on perhaps its most difficult policy shift after five years of ultra-easy money. It has begun scaling back its bond-buying stimulus, but at a measured pace that could frustrate some Republicans who think the program is reckless. REUTERS

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"When the seagulls follow the trawler, it's because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea."

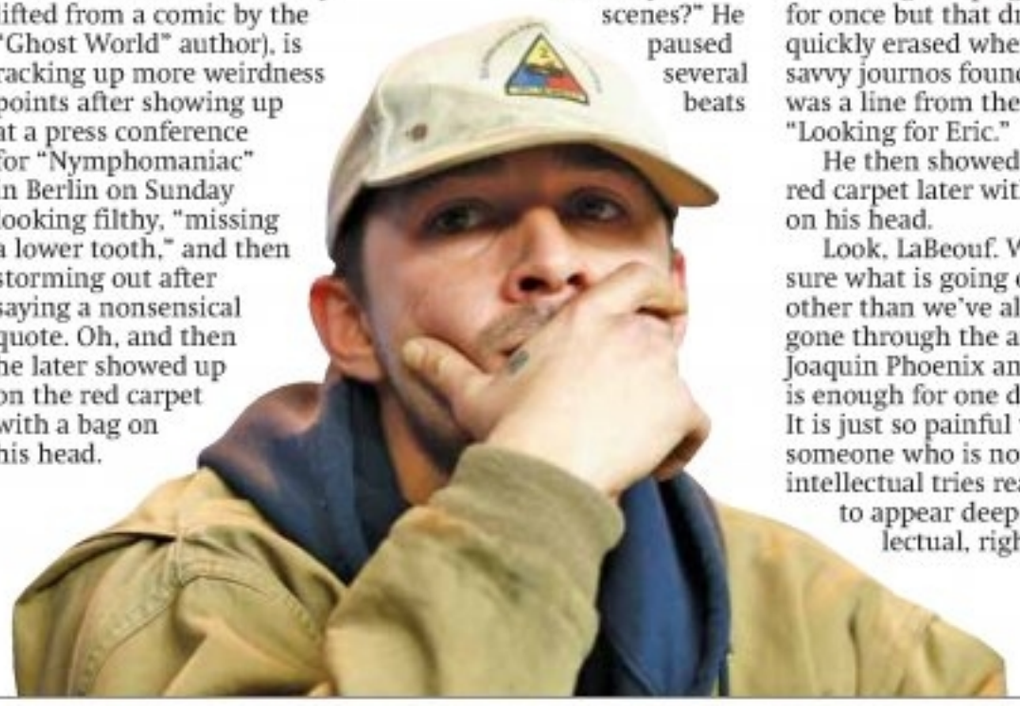
Shia LaBeouf, pretending to be very deep indeed

1 Shia LaBeouf is going through a meltdown

Welcome to the deep end, Shia LaBeouf.

The actor, who has had quite the time of it these past few months with the Daniel Clowes plagiarism scandal (in December it was announced that LaBeouf's new short film, "Howard-Cantour.com," was basically lifted from a comic by the "Ghost World" author), is racking up more weirdness points after showing up at a press conference for "Nymphomaniac" in Berlin on Sunday looking filthy, "missing a lower tooth," and then storming out after saying a nonsensical quote. Oh, and then he later showed up on the red carpet with a bag on his head.

Per The Hollywood Reporter, LaBeouf appeared next to his co-stars Christian Slater and Uma Thurman beat up, dirty and, yes, missing a tooth. Someone then asked him this softball question: "What did he think about doing a movie with so many sex scenes?" He paused several beats then replied, "When the seagulls follow the trawler, it's because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea. Thank you very much." He then left the room while his co-stars looked on.



At first, everyone thought that LaBeouf actually said something not plagiarized for once but that dream was quickly erased when some savvy journos found out it was a line from the 2009 film "Looking for Eric."

He then showed up on the red carpet later with the bag on his head.

Look, LaBeouf. We're not sure what is going on here other than we've already gone through the antics of Joaquin Phoenix and that is enough for one decade. It is just so painful when someone who is not deep nor intellectual tries really hard to appear deep and intellectual, right?

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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'The X Factor' gets X'd

Bye-bye, Simon Cowell

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See ya later, "The X Factor."

Fox announced on Friday that the reality singing competition is toast after its third season. The timing was very suspect with host Simon Cowell announcing earlier that day he will be leaving the show to return to the much more popular U.K. version.

So was Cowell just saving face by exiting a sinking ship before he could be blamed? Or did Fox think they couldn't continue the failing show without him? In any case, 12 years of Simon Cowell in the U.S. seems just like enough.

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Based on WHAT?

Why is there a new movie starring toy building blocks? Because it's been done before with board games and roller coasters. In honor of "The Lego Movie," we found films adapted from odd sources.

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Title	The result

'Alice's Restaurant'

Year: 1969 **Original medium:** Pop song

An 18-minute epic by Arlo Guthrie tells about him almost being drafted. Director Arthur Penn's film fills in what you didn't need to know and makes serious what once was funny. (See also: Sam Peckinpah's "Convoy" and the film of "You Light Up My Life.")

'The Gong Show Movie'

Year: 1980 **Original medium:** Game show

Left out of the movie of Chuck Barris' "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" is a factoid only slightly less nuts than Barris' claim that he was an assassin: The "Gong Show" host co-wrote, directed and starred in this spinoff, where he's beset upon by crazy would-be contestants.

'Clue'

Year: 1985 **Original medium:** Board game

A board game of whodunit became an over-achieving movie with three different endings. A game cast (among the best being Tim Curry and Michael McKean) run about a manse, doing pratfalls and making screwball chatter. Best of all, it paved the way for "Battleship."

'Mars Attacks!'

Year: 1996
Original medium: Trading cards

Tim Burton's star-studded invasion pic was based on a series of 1962 Topps cards. They told a story, kind of: Each card had a major event, and you put the story together piecemeal, almost certainly out of order. All Burton did was giddily wipe out celebrities.

The 'Pirates of the Caribbean' Saga

Years: 2003 — present
Original medium: Theme park ride

The Captain Jack-led series is currently about 11 hours long and counting, with a fifth installment crashing next year. Credit where credit's due: That's a lot of plotting and work considering the base was a five-minute ride with no discernible narrative.

'He's Just Not That Into You'

Year: 2009 **Original medium:** Self-help book

Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo hit pay dirt with their book, which told women raised on the comforting lies of romantic comedy films the hard truths about love. So of course it was made into a romantic comedy film packed with comforting lies.

'Ouija'

Year: 2014 (in October)
Original medium: A "spirit board"

Actually, we can't believe it's taken this long to make a horror film out of the silly game where you fool others (or yourself) into thinking ghosts are telling you what to spell. It's been around since 1894, one year before the birth of cinema. But then again, it probably won't be worth the wait.

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Ethics. They're as old as yoga itself, but new rules say not to hook up with students.

Meditating on your teacher's hot bod? Might not be the best idea. / COLOURBOX

Despite yoga's strong ties to spirituality, famous yogis often become something like rock stars to their disciples, enjoying power, adulation, money — and sex. So why is it so shocking when yet another "yoga sex scandal" breaks?

Even if teachers and participants in a yoga class are adults, and of legal age of consent, the instructor/student relationship is inherently susceptible to an abuse of power — particularly if the instructor is considered a spiritual "guru."

"Generally, we believe the yoga teacher community, as a whole, isn't open to sex with students," says Monika Werner, co-owner of Bold & Naked yoga studio and an instructor who co-directs yoga teacher training certification programs at Joschi Yoga Institute in New York City. "If it's consensual, it's nobody's business. But I wouldn't encourage sex between teacher and student, and think it's wrong to look at your yoga class as a place to find a new sex partner. I think that most yoga teachers are just there to teach yoga. But there are some black sheep [who take advantage], just like in any industry."

Sexual misconduct has become so common that the Yoga Teachers Association of California outlined more explicit guidelines in its code of conduct, stating, "While acknowledging the complexity of some yoga relationships, we avoid exploiting the trust and dependency of students. ... All forms of sexual behavior or harassment with students are unethical, even when a student invites or consents to such behavior involvement."

On the national level, the Yoga Alliance advises teachers to "avoid words and actions that constitute sexual harassment or harassment based on other legal protected characteristics." The organization also requires members to behave in a "professional and conscientious manner ... ensuring that I live up to any commitments I make to my students or to the public, and ensuring that my practices and behavior conform to the representations I make about myself in holding myself out as a yoga practitioner who adheres to certain precepts."

The latest so-called scandal involves actress Uma Thurman's brother Dechen Thurman, a Jivamukti yoga instructor whom a (presumably former) friend, Maria Sliwa, says confided in her that he's a sex addict who frequently engages in sex with his female students. Sliwa says that she informed Jivamukti management, which prohibits teachers from sexing up their students, about Thurman's proclivities, but the organization hasn't done anything about it.

The accusations against Thurman aren't uncommon, but they are rather innocuous, at least compared to others on record. Some cases of yogi impropriety are much more serious and carry far graver consequences. Below, we've outlined just a few cases.

Another hot case

Bikram Choudhury faces many accusations. / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Bikram Choudhury

Lady Gaga and George Clooney are among his practitioners, but five other students of Choudhury's "hot yoga" are suing him for rape, claiming he used his guru status to intimidate and take advantage of them. His accusers also contend that Choudhury punished them when they refused his advances, rewarded male teachers who brought him women who were easy to manipulate and did creepy things such as brag of his "72-hour marathon sex sessions" during lectures.

The cases

Swami Muktananda

Although he claimed to be celibate and endorsed sexual abstinence to his followers, the guru reportedly molested and raped young girls in a secret-ish sex lair equipped with an apparatus that witnesses likened to a "gynecologist's table" in his ashram in India. Muktananda, who died in 1982, was also accused of intimidating and even beating followers.

Kausthub Desikachar

Four women from the European Krishnamacharya Healing and Yoga Foundation Yoga Therapist Training filed formal complaints with Austrian police in 2002, accusing Desikachar of sexual, mental and emotional abuse. The North America KHYF sent a notice to members stating, "The allegations include the misuse of his position as a yoga mentor by utilizing his knowledge of personal histories of sexual and emotional trauma in an attempt to initiate sexual relations." Followers also accused Desikachar, the son and grandson of famous yogis, of using his lineage to intimidate and abuse women.

Yogi Bhajan

Bhajan lied to his followers about his former station in India before coming to the U.S. in 1969, claimed he could see into the future and was accused of infidelity and rape. Bhajan taught a type of Kundalini yoga influenced by Sikh practices and died in 2002.

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Future by URL

Tech. A new site helps families run the numbers.

Calculating the bottom line can make the college search simpler. /COLOURBOX

It's a complicated and expensive world out there for students searching for the right college. As technology revolutionizes everything from textbooks to professorships, a new website just out of beta testing looks to help students' college dollars stretch further.

With Plus-U.com, students and their parents calculate their ROE — return on education — to make sure that the price tag of an acceptance letter will be worth it in the long run. Using student surveys, data from the Department of Education and average salaries, Plus-U points would-be college attendees toward schools that match their specifications for things like location and culture as well.

As the parent of a high school sophomore, Tom O'Keefe wants to think ahead about his daughter Reegan's college opportunities. "I think it's pretty overwhelming. The first thing you feel is a little bit of fear, because of the expense," he says of the search for a college education that won't lead to mountains of debt. Reegan, for her part, says the site helped her discover colleges that she hadn't considered. "I like envisioning myself in college," she says, "it's an exciting part of your life" — especially for a promising student like Reegan, who is quick to remind her dad that she speaks three languages, not two.

Brad McMahon, the site's senior vice president, says that the tools will become more and more refined: "As we get more data, and specifically can tie [in] where students go to school, our matching models and algorithm will improve." The price tag for college can be scary — calculating the return on education might make sure it's worth it.

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College aid. Michelle Obama gets the word out about the FAFSA

MICHELLE OBAMA
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The Obama administration enlisted the help of first lady Michelle Obama in an effort to ensure that low- and middle-income families get access to federal aid to help them pay for college.

Last week, she urged students and their parents to take advantage of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, the form is used to determine eligibility for financial aid.

"Too many students don't even bother to apply for college because they don't think they'll ever be able to afford it," Obama told students at an Alexandria, Va., high school.

Obama, who has often spoken of relying on student loans to pay for her undergraduate degree at Princeton, says she filled out the FAFSA with her mother's help and worked at a day-care center while in college through a work-study program. She urged students to work with their parents and teachers to fill out the forms as early as possible.

Last year, only half of high school seniors filled out the FAFSA form, according to the Department of Education. Many of those who did not were from poor families.

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Let your creativity lead the way. Be proud to display your capabilities. Expand your horizons by reading, listening or interacting with intellectual people.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20.
Your opinions are best kept to yourself if you want to avoid misunderstandings. Remaining quiet will give you the chance to strategize and to develop a sound course of action.

Aries | March 21-April 20.
A sure way to boost your spirits is to get together with friends and enjoy a pleasant trip or activity. Take a break from worry and tension.

Taurus | April 21-May 21.
Change is needed in your life. Make your feelings known, and collaborate with friends or co-workers to achieve the improvements you desire. Your work will bring positive results.

Gemini | May 22-June 20.
You can avoid a challenging situation if you make a plan that allows you to act independently, away from pack mentality. Avoiding interference will be half your battle. Lie low.

Cancer | June 21-July 22.
Spend your day doing things that make you happy. Keeping on top of personal needs will help decrease your stress. Pamper yourself or purchase something that will boost your spirits.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.
Your leadership qualities will complement your skills in terms of what you have to offer a group, project or cause. Find a task that appeals to you and use your talents to the fullest.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.
You will be frustrated if you rely on others to help you get ahead. Use your own means and methods to forge a successful path, and pay attention to detail and the fine print.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.
You are an intelligent and gifted individual. However, doubts and indecision will hold you back. Believe in yourself, and you will succeed.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.
It's time to get back to a strict routine and a proper diet. Taking care of your health is important if you want to be successful in life. Show determination in order to win.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Today will be emotionally taxing, requiring everything you've got. Don't be upset by criticism — take it as a chance to make improvements.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.
Be aware of the events happening around you. Take an opportunity to make a life-changing decision that will turn a negative into a positive.

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Letters

Mass. jumping the gun on need for regulations

Re: 'Report: Mass. should tighten gun laws' (Metro, Feb. 4) I have no qualms with the author of the article, but with the group trying to restrict our laws here in Massachusetts: Gun control is the last thing Massachusetts should tighten up on. If the state already has some of the lowest rates of gun deaths and ownerships in the country, then why restrict the rights of its residents even further? Furthermore, history shows that countries who too closely regulate the firearms of their residents end up confiscating them and becoming outwardly tyrannical.

JORDAN CLARKE-BONHOMME, VIA EMAIL

Reports on Kerry not balanced

Re: 'Kerry is reluctant "star" of spoof by Israeli settlers' (Metro, Feb. 7) Twice in one week Metro focused on Israeli criticism of Secretary of State Kerry's peace proposals. The latest article detailed a YouTube video by a private Israeli settler group that spoofed Kerry. Meanwhile, for the past few weeks, senior figures in the Palestinian Authority have bashed Kerry's ideas as "dangerous" and "extortion." Anti-Kerry protests in Ramallah and Bethlehem have been frequent, with chants of "Kerry, you coward, you have no room in Palestine." The PA does not allow dissent, so these protests were approved at the highest levels. It seems Metro, Reuters and other news services think it unimportant to report on the problematic nature of Palestinian politics. I think it's important that mainstream news consumers get a more balanced picture.

DANIEL BROOKS, VIA EMAIL

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22 Ego companions
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26 Donne's "done"
27 Nutty confection
30 Trucker's need (2 wds.)
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35 D.C. biggie
36 — — shoestring
37 Tarzan's pals
38 "Star Trek" doc
40 Chimney dirt
41 Grazing area
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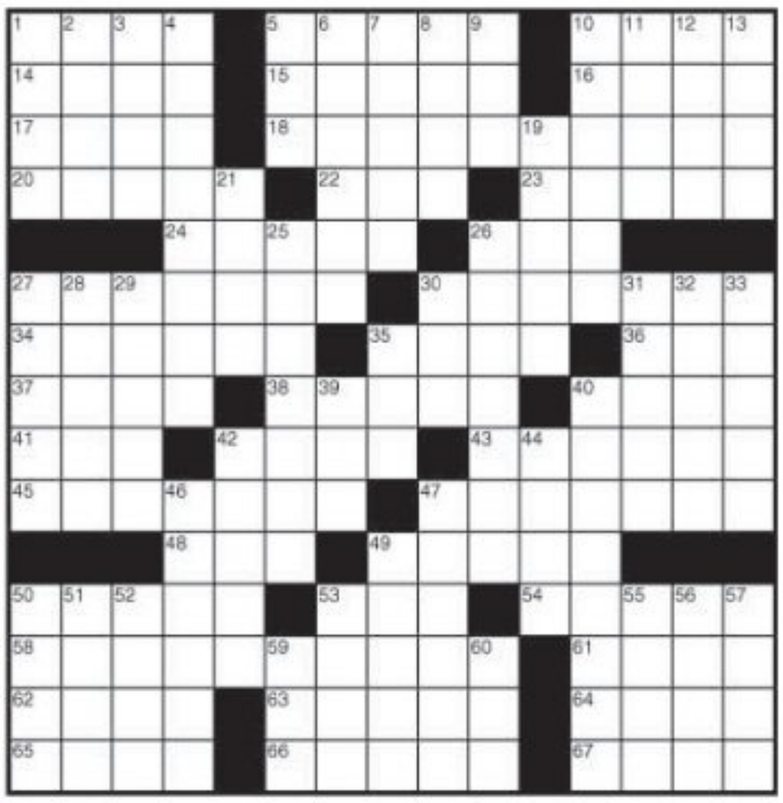

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Mike Napoli is back with the Sox for the 2014 season after signing a two-year, $32 million deal this past December. / GETTY IMAGES

Short winter coming to an end for Red Sox

MLB. The World Series champions arrive in Florida for spring training later this week.

A year ago at this time, "Truck Day" was met with a collective laugh by the Fenway fatigued. The famed sell-out streak was a sure bet to end in April and most pundits were picking the Sox to finish in the basement of the AL East. A stunning World Series title later, combined with the fact that the Celtics are now Boston's basement dwellers and the Bruins are taking a mini-Olympic vacation, has the Hub brimming with baseball fever in February.

While spring doesn't officially begin until March 20, many members of the defending MLB champs are making their way to Fort Myers, Fla., this week.

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Moves they made

1 A.J. Pierzynski — Gone is Jarrod Saltalamacchia, but in is the veteran Pierzynski. The 37-year-old is durable, having played in at least 125 games in each season the past 11 years and provides the Sox with power in the bottom half of the batting order.

2 Edward Mujica — The signing of Mujica could very well wind up being a steal for the Sox. Mujica had a 2.78 ERA, a 1.01 WHIP and recorded a whopping 37 saves for the Cardinals in 2013. The righty reliever has great command, having walked only five batters in 2013.

Moves they didn't make

1 Jacoby Ellsbury — As expected, the Sox didn't re-up with Ellsbury, as the center fielder took New York's seven-year, $153 million contract and ran. The Sox are betting that Jackie Bradley Jr. is ready to take over in center and that Grady Sizemore could possibly provide some insurance.

2 Masahiro Tanaka —Ben Cherington said that the team had "conversations" with the coveted pitcher, but getting the Japanese righty to Boston never truly seemed to be in play. Tanaka, who went 24-0 with a 1.27 ERA in Japan, signed with the Yankees for seven years.

Young players to watch

1 Xander Bogaerts — Bogaerts had 34 plate appearances in the 2013 postseason and hit .296 with a .412 OBP. But will he be the starter at short on opening day? That will all depend on where Stephen Drew, who is still on the market, winds up.

2 Will Middlebrooks — Middlebrooks has had an extremely strange start to his career, as he looked like a world-beater in 2012, but spent 51 days in Pawtucket due to performance in 2013. Trade rumors have been consistently popping up regarding the third baseman.

2014 Beanpot

BC looking for fifth straight Beanpot title

Monday (7:30 p.m., NESN) has all the makings for a memorable night at TD Garden. The championship game of the 62nd annual Beanpot pits Boston College (21-4-3 overall, 13-1-1 Hockey East) vs. Northeastern (16-9-3 overall, 8-6-1 Hockey East).

Granted, the losses occurred more than three months ago, but Northeastern is 0-2 so far this season versus Boston College. The Eagles won, 4-2, Nov. 1 at Kelley Rink, then 4-3 in overtime the next night at Matthews Arena. BU versus BC is the gold standard in terms of local college hockey rivalries, but Northeastern versus BC is getting more intense since this will be the third time in the last four years that the two teams have met in the Beanpot championship game. **RICH SLATE**

3 SPORTS

Persistent Knicks

New York wants Rondo

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ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Kasim Shavis, a/k/a Kasin Shavis, individually and as Executor of the Estate of Carlene G. Shavis, Kai Shavis and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C. App. §501 *et seq.:*

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc, Trust 2004-NC8 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-NC8,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Boston (Mattapan),** numbered **109 Taunton Avenue,** given by **Carlene G. Shavis** to **New Century Mortgage Corporation,** dated June 22, 2004, recorded with the **Suffolk County Registry of Deeds** at Book **34994,** Page **097,** and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before March 10, 2014 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on January 23, 2014

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
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(SEAL) 481309

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO:

Milagros Cruz-Troncoso, Fidias Troncoso and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C. App. §501 *et seq.:*

U.S. Bank National Association, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Boston (District of Hyde Park),** numbered **11 Pine Street,** given by **Milagros Cruz-Troncoso and Fidias Troncoso** to **Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Bank One, NA, its successors and assigns,** dated **June 21, 2002,** recorded with the **Suffolk County Registry of Deeds** at Book **28794,** Page **202,** and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **March 10, 2014** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

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